

**CLAIMS**

I claim:

1. A siding installation guide tool comprising:  
a clamp assembly, said clamp assembly having closable jaws  
whereby said clamp assembly is adapted for coupling to a first  
piece of siding;  
a guide assembly having a support member, said support  
member having a bearing portion whereby said support member is  
adapted for supporting a second piece of siding adjacent to the first  
piece of siding when said clamp assembly is coupled to the first  
piece of siding, said guide assembly being slidably coupled to said  
clamp assembly such that said support member is positionable at a  
selectable distance from said clamp assembly.
2. The siding installation guide tool of claim 1 wherein said  
clamp assembly includes a stop plate coupled to one of said jaws  
for abutting the first piece of siding to facilitate consistent  
placement of the first piece of siding between said jaws.
3. The siding installation tool of claim 1 wherein said clamp  
assembly has a locking assembly for locking said jaws in place.
4. The siding installation tool of claim 3 wherein said  
locking assembly is adjustable for setting a distance between said  
jaws when said clamp assembly is in a closed position.
5. The siding installation tool of claim 4 wherein said  
locking assembly includes a screw member for adjusting said

distance between said jaws when said clamp assembly is in said closed position.

6. The siding installation tool of claim 1 further comprising: an annular member coupled to said clamp assembly whereby said clamp assembly is adapted for being hung from said annular member.

7. The siding installation tool of claim 5, further comprising: an annular member coupled to said clamp assembly whereby said clamp assembly is adapted for being hung from said annular member, said annular member being coupled to said screw member for facilitating rotating said screw member.

8. The siding installation tool of claim 1 wherein at least one of said jaws includes a protective covering material for inhibiting marring of the first piece of siding.

9. The siding installation tool of claim 1 wherein said guide assembly includes a collar member coupled to said clamp assembly; said guide assembly further including an extension member slidably inserted through said collar member.

10. The siding installation tool of claim 9 further comprising:

    said guide assembly including a locking means coupled to said collar member for selectively locking said extension member into a static position relative to said collar member.

11. The siding installation tool of claim 1 wherein said support member includes a distal flange extending from said bearing portion whereby said guide assembly is adapted for holding the second piece of siding against a structure while said bearing portion supports the second piece of siding.

12. The siding installation tool of claim 11 wherein said distal flange has an outwardly flared edge for facilitating insertion of the second piece of siding between said support member and the structure.

13. The siding installation tool of claim 1 wherein said jaws include an upper jaw and a lower jaw, said lower jaw having a beveled distal edge for facilitating insertion of said lower jaw between the first piece of siding and a structure.

14. The siding installation tool of claim 1 wherein said distal flange includes a protective covering material on an interior face of said distal flange for inhibiting marring of the second piece of siding.

15. The siding installation tool of claim 9 wherein said extension member is arcuate.

16. A method of installing siding on a structure, the steps of the method comprising:

installing a first piece of siding onto a structure;  
attaching a siding installation tool to said first piece of siding;

adjusting a guide assembly of said siding installation tool to extend a desired distance from a clamp assembly of said siding installation tool;

inserting a second piece of siding between said guide assembly and said structure whereby said second piece of siding is supported by said siding installation tool; and

attaching said second piece of siding to the structure while said second piece of siding is supported by said siding installation tool.

17. The method of claim 16, the steps of the method further comprising:

providing a second siding installation tool; and

adjusting each siding installation tool such that each guide assembly is positioned to support said second piece of siding in parallel relationship to said first piece of siding when said first and second siding tools are coupled to said first piece of siding in spaced relationship to each other.

18. The siding installation tool of claim 1 wherein said closable jaws each have a width of about 3 inches.

19. The siding installation tool of claim 9 wherein a conduit extending through said collar receives said extension member, said conduit being angled relative to said clamp assembly whereby said collar is adapted for preventing gaps from forming between said support member and an upper portion of the first piece of siding.

20. The siding installation tool of claim 1 wherein said clamp assembly includes a handle portion, said handle portion extending

away from said closable jaws at an angle between about 35 and 50 degrees for facilitating grasping of said handle portion during use.